

## ***THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY***

**March 2011 – Week 2**

**Air Date: March 6 – March 12 (Sunday – Saturday)**



### **TITLE: COLLISION COURSE**

MARCH 1925 AND A HERO FALLS FROM THE TEXAS SKY.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

MARCH 6, 1925. SAN ANTONIO. IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF AVIATION, KELLY FIELD IS THE WEST POINT OF THE AIR. SOLDIERS COME HERE FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO LEARN HOW TO FLY.

TODAY, DURING DIVE BOMB DRILLS AT FIVE THOUSAND FEET, TWO ARMY BIPLANES COLLIDE. THE STUDENT PILOTS JUMP FROM THE OPEN COCKPITS, AND PULL THEIR PARACHUTES. THEY FLOAT DOWN AS THE TANGLED PLANES PLUMMET TO EARTH AND EXPLODE.

ONE OF THE PILOTS IS CADET CHARLES A. LINDBERGH. LINDBERGH WOULD SURVIVE THREE MORE MIDAIR DISASTERS BEFORE BECOMING THE FIRST MAN TO FLY SOLO ACROSS THE ATLANTIC IN 1927.

LINDBERGH WAS ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH DESTINY 86 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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#### **HANDBOOK OF TEXAS – KELLY AIR FORCE BASE**

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Charles Lindbergh: American Aviator Web site, accessed 2/17/10

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San Antonio Daily Light – March 6, 1925

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